



INFORMATION UPDATE FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

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**Seattle
Water Supply
Indicators**

Water Storage	
Reservoir Inflows	
Snowpack	
Customer Use	
Overall	
Good Fair Poor	

For more information, visit www.savingwater.org

Taste and Odor

The taste and odor panel is meeting bi-weekly. Samples are rated on a scale from 1 to 9, with 1 representing the best and 9 representing the worst. The taste and odor flavor rating assessment (FRA) for the Cedar supply (Lake Youngs treated) sample in April was 2.4. The Tolt supply result was 2.0.

Spring Algae Bloom

The algae bloom appears to be ending for the spring season. The peak was much lower this year, and the duration much shorter. The dominant species was still Tabellaria; however, there are multiple species present, including Botryococcus. Water temperatures are still almost two degrees lower than they were last year at this time, which is good for maintaining chlorine residual.

Consumer Confidence Reports

Just a reminder to all purveyors that the consumer confidence reports must be mailed to customers by July 1, 2008. Seattle's report is now available on-line at:

http://www.seattle.gov/util/About_SPU/Water_System/Water_Quality/SPU03_001885.asp

Let us know if you need additional information for your reports.

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**Water Quality
Technical Forum
Report**

Chlorine Residual and Coliform Data

There were no positive coliform samples from the purveyor area during April 2008. Average chlorine residual concentrations in the purveyor distribution systems ranged from 0.82 to 1.27 mg/L, with an overall average of 1.01 mg/L. The chlorine residual targets at both the Tolt Treatment Facility and Cedar Water Treatment Facility are 1.5 mg/L. The number of samples with chlorine less than 0.2 mg/L was 9 in April (out of 831 samples).



Conservation Technical Forum

On the web at <http://www.savingwater.org>

RESIDENTIAL INDOOR

"Three Ways To Save" Campaign Concept Shaping Up

SWP staff is planning a single-family behavioral change water conservation message for 2008. The strategy of the campaign is to promote three water-saving ideas that everyone can adopt by making simple changes to things they are currently doing. The three items are:

1. Detect and repair toilet leaks
2. Wash full loads of laundry and dishes
3. Take a shorter shower - aim for five minutes.

Staff is exploring partnerships with retailers to reinforce the program's conservation messages and augment the campaign. The program is set to launch in mid-summer. Arece will update wholesale customers of the program as it enters the implementation phase.

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RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE

Wanted: High Peak-Use Customers

The Water Efficient Irrigation Program is targeting multifamily and commercial properties in wholesale customer service areas with irrigation systems and high peak water consumption.

Customers can receive rebates for upgrading their irrigation systems with smart irrigation controllers that adjust watering to changing plant water needs; rain sensors that turn the system off when it rains; and many other water-saving irrigation technologies.

Please contact Jenna or Allegra if you



would like assistance with identifying customers who would be good candidates for this program.

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Residential Landscape Messaging

Parsons PR, the communications consultant hired to develop this year's summer campaign, is finalizing key recommendations to update the effectiveness of our water messaging. By the end of May we will have final proposals on a new tagline and "look" to enhance effectiveness. They are also preparing recommendations relating to a 2008 campaign that will connect proposed outdoor actions to climate change concerns. These recommendations will in part address findings from our 2006 regional water conservation survey. Information will be sent to wholesale customer representatives for review and comment.

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COMMERCIAL WATER CONSERVATION

Green Properties Forum a Success

The Resource Venture, a program of Seattle Public Utilities and the SWP, with sponsoring partners Seattle City Light and Puget Sound Energy (PSE), produced a workshop entitled "Green Properties" that targeted commercial and multi-family property managers. The workshop was held May 6 at the Great Hall in Seattle's old Union Station. The workshop presented information to about 40 property managers covering ways to save money through resource conservation programs and activities. Water, energy, solid waste and water quality issues, as well as fats, oil and grease (FOG) disposal concerns and climate change impacts were presented. There was also a display area where various agencies and vendors provided information on products and programs. These included Cedar Grove Composting, CleanScapes solid waste services, PSE, and Resource Venture.

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YOUTH EDUCATION

Working Group Plans Focus Groups with Educators

The Partnership for Water Conservation (PWC) Youth Education Sub-committee continues to move toward the creation of a regional youth education plan. The committee has selected an existing training module called Water Matters as the proposed model to be presented to key school administrators during a series of facilitated meetings throughout the region.

The goal of these meetings is to determine if Water Matters is the most relevant model and content for future PWC regional teacher trainings. The committee will be working with a contractor to design and facilitate these meetings. The information gathered from these meetings will determine next steps for the PWC Youth Education Sub-committee.

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